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Notice of Intended Regulatory Action Agency Background Document

Agency Name:	Department of Criminal Justice Services
VAC Chapter Number:	6 VAC 20-180 et seq.
Regulation Title:	Crime Prevention Specialists
Action Title:	Crime Prevention Specialists
Date:	05/06/2003

This information is required prior to the submission to the Registrar of Regulations of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) pursuant to the Administrative Process Act § 9-6.14:7.1 (B). Please refer to Executive Order Twenty-Five (98) and Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) for more information.

Purpose

Please describe the subject matter and intent of the planned regulation. This description should include a brief explanation of the need for and the goals of the new or amended regulation.

The crime prevention specialist program was established in 1994 and was almost exclusively the responsibility of law enforcement at that time. The purpose of the changes to this regulation is to now provide the opportunity for certification of non-law enforcement professionals involved in providing crime prevention services.

Basis

Please identify the state and/or federal source of legal authority to promulgate the contemplated regulation. The discussion of this authority should include a description of its scope and the extent to which the authority is mandatory or discretionary. The correlation between the proposed regulatory action and the legal authority identified above should be explained. Full citations of legal authority and, if available, web site addresses for locating the text of the cited authority must be provided.

§9.1-161 Code of Virginia provides the authority to the Criminal Justice Services Board to adopt and promulgate regulations related to the certification of crime prevention specialists.

Substance

Please detail any changes that would be implemented: this discussion should include a summary of the proposed regulatory action where a new regulation is being promulgated; where existing provisions of a regulation are being amended, the statement should explain how the existing regulation will be changed. The statement should set forth the specific reasons the agency has determined that the proposed regulatory action would be essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens. In addition, a statement delineating any potential issues that may need to be addressed as the regulation is developed shall be supplied.

The eligibility for a certified crime prevention specialist is expanded to include non-law enforcement personnel including crime prevention, criminal justice, or volunteer capacity individuals working for a local, state, or federal government agency. Agency administrators of federal government agencies are added as persons who may designate an employee or volunteer of their agency to be certified as a crime prevention specialist.

Training requirements are expanded to require addressing four topics on the list in the regulation rather than two topics.

The requirement of three years experience in a criminal justice agency is expanded to identify law enforcement and crime prevention as acceptable experience.

Training requirements for recertification are expanded from one to two topics on the list noted in the regulation.

Other changes may be deemed necessary based on public comment received during the APA process.

Alternatives

Please describe, to the extent known, the specific alternatives to the proposal that have been considered or will be considered to meet the essential purpose of the action.

There is no alternative to the essential purpose of this action since it is required by the Code of Virginia.

Family Impact Statement

Please provide a preliminary analysis of the potential impact of the proposed regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family.